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## <u>Supervisors Approve Agreement to Turn Bark Beetle Infested Trees</u> <u>Into Usable Products and Create Jobs</u>

Today, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement that will enable Arrowhead Enterprise, a Blue Jay-based company, to purchase equipment that will manufacture poles, siding, tables, marketable lumber, fencing and flooring from bark beetle infested trees.

"Everyone knows we have been removing bark beetle infested trees, our problem has been what to do with them once they are cut down – we can't just pile them up like matchsticks," said Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger.

The agreement will loan Arrowhead Enterprise, Inc. \$74,980 to purchase equipment that will permit it to process bark beetle infested timber.

"This agreement helps us get rid of the trees once they are down; it provides useful products and it creates new jobs in our county – to me, this is a win for everyone," Hansberger said.

This agreement is the seventh loan made under a U.S. Forest Service grant program, totaling \$3,250,455.